

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY MAY 24, 2003 - 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 54 new fires reported yesterday. Three new large fires were reported, one each in the Southern Area, Eastern Area and Alaska. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

ROUND, Coconino National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Waldrip) is assigned. The fire is burning in mixed conifer and chaparral eight miles northwest of Sedona, AZ. A Type 3 Incident Management Team will assume command today. Minimal fire activity was observed yesterday. No significant change occurred.

CHOLLA, Arizona State Land Department. This fire is burning in grass, mesquite and cottonwood near the town of Wikieup, AZ. This fire, previously reported as being contained, became active yesterday. Two residences were evacuated and a major power line was threatened. Direct attack, patrol and mopup actions are planned for today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ROUND	AZ	COF	69	12	UNK	136	2	0	4	0	632K
CHOLLA	AZ	AZS	320	30	5/24	80	2	13	1	0	100K

ALASKA LARGE FIRES:

ILIAMNA, State of Alaska. This fire is burning in tundra and black spruce two miles north of Iliamna, AK. Active fire behavior was observed yesterday with short range spotting and running aided by steady winds of 15 to 20 mph.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ILIAMNA	AK	STA	1,500	0	UNK	54	2	0	0	0	NR

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
HWY 255 FIRE	TX	TXS	128	100	---	73	0	10	0	0	NR

TXS = Texas Forest Service

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ESCOURT STATION	ME	MES	122	100	---	3	0	0	1	0	NR

MES = Maine Forest Service

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: With the exception of the Northwest coast, high pressure will once again be in control of western states weather today, allowing temperatures to warm well into the 80s and 90s, with some 100s in the Southwest. Warm temperatures and instability will lead to isolated afternoon showers and thunderstorms in Rockies northwestward to the Great Basin. Some dry thunderstorms are possible in this air mass along the Arizona/New Mexico border as well as in parts of the Great Basin. The Northwest will see a front arrive today, with scattered showers along the coasts of Oregon and Washington. In the east, showers will be widespread around the eastern Great Lakes. Southern Florida will see scattered thunderstorms again today. Cloudy conditions and widely scattered showers are possible along the eastern border of Alaska.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Morning low clouds and fog coastal areas. A few dry afternoon thunderstorms over the Sierra and Inyo National Forest. Otherwise partly cloudy.	65-85 Mountains 75-85 Valleys 95-108 Deserts	20-30% Mountains 35-50% Valleys 10-20% Deserts	Southwest to northwest winds 10 to 20 mph in the mountains and deserts, with higher gusts deserts. Saturday night local northwest winds 35 mph San Luis Obispo, and Santa Barbara counties.
SOUTHWEST Partly to mostly sunny. Isolated dry thunderstorms across portions of northern AZ and northwest NM. A chance for thunderstorms with wetting rainfall in eastern NM and west TX.	Upper 60s to low 80s mountains. 80s and 90s at the lower elevations, except 100 to 108 in the AZ deserts.	5-20% west, 20-40% east.	SW 5-15 mph AZ and western NM, except 10-20 mph southwest AZ. S to SW 10-20 mph across eastern NM and west TX, shifting to NE.



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HELICOPTER LANDING AREA SELECTION

Consider the following points when selecting a landing area for a helicopter:

- Locate a flat area that is of sufficient size for the helicopter you are expecting to land.
 - Type I -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 30 feet by 30 feet; safety circle measuring 110 feet in diameter.
 - Type II -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 20 feet by 20 feet; safety circle measuring 90 feet in diameter.
 - Type III -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 15 feet by 15 feet; safety circle measuring 75 feet in diameter.

- Choose an area clear of people, vehicles, and obstructions such as trees, poles, and especially overhead wires.

- The area must be free of stumps, brush, posts, large rocks or anything over 18 inches high.

- Consider the wind direction. Helicopters land and take off into the wind.

- Choose an approach free of obstructions. Any obstruction should be relayed to the helicopter crew during initial radio contact.

- Remove or secure any loose items in and around the landing area such as trash, blankets, hats, or equipment.

- Wet down the landing area if dusty conditions are present.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES	1	2			12	3	18
	ACRES	10	1			20	0	31
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1					1
Southwest	FIRES		1			1	6	8
	ACRES		0			0	8	8
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					5	4	9
	ACRES					4	9	13
Southern Area	FIRES					13		13
	ACRES					452		452
TOTAL	FIRES	1	4	0	0	33	16	54
	ACRES	10	2	0	0	477	19	508

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2			2	169	1	174
	ACRES	20			672	549	0	1,241
Northwest	FIRES	7	1	1		8	16	33
	ACRES	3	0	1		4	4	12
Northern California	FIRES				4	211	23	238
	ACRES				2,210	68	13	2,291
Southern California	FIRES	2	10	2	2	323	79	418
	ACRES	10	528	1	0	81	108	728
Northern Rockies	FIRES	428	1	14		73	24	540
	ACRES	2,957	0	690		16,330	1,373	21,350
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		15		1	19	4	39
	ACRES		37		0	315	6	358
Western Great Basin	FIRES		18			6	1	25
	ACRES		15			17	0	32
Southwest	FIRES	116	46	12	1	299	150	624
	ACRES	190	2,828	1,288	1	7,149	7,075	18,531
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	12	16	23	2	50	26	129
	ACRES	144	3	1,623	200	235	464	2,669
Eastern Area	FIRES	808		80	15	6,942	331	8,176
	ACRES	51,450		6,605	685	101,362	5,268	165,370
Southern Area	FIRES	93		11	11	9,408	287	9,810
	ACRES	20,297		2,681	756	140,380	7,989	172,103
TOTAL	FIRES	1,468	107	143	38	17,508	942	20,206
	ACRES	75,071	3,411	12,889	4,524	266,490	22,300	384,685

Nine Year Average Fires	34,674
Nine Year Average Acres	712,134

Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1					2	3
	ACRES	400					179	579
Northern California	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		5					5
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						150	150
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1	0	1
	ACRES					15	10	25
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						2	2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						194	194
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	0	1	5	7
	ACRES	400	5	0	0	15	535	955

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	25	87	146	5		124	387
	ACRES	3,129	10,297	4,675	88		17,255	35,444
Northern California	FIRES	2	9	99	15		82	207
	ACRES	31	153	15,910	1,143		5,029	22,266
Southern California	FIRES		2	2	1		79	84
	ACRES		27	99	20		9,266	9,412
Northern Rockies	FIRES	11	9	63	3	21	154	261
	ACRES	492	3,788	8,431	510	1,291	10,120	24,632
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	12	3		7	23	46
	ACRES	18	2,421	300		150	5,991	8,880
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		100				230	330
Southwest	FIRES	10	36	6	4		220	276
	ACRES	3,232	12,004	25,930	4,877		27,406	73,449
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	13	43	6	10	70	168
	ACRES	1,718	1,216	8,418	446	132	4,737	16,667
Eastern Area	FIRES	32		258	15	379	174	858
	ACRES	10,720		54,571	1,818	73,690	25,326	166,125
Southern Area	FIRES	52		243	51	11,446	1,080	12,872
	ACRES	15,879		85,743	62,806	705,960	836,670	1,707,058
TOTAL	FIRES	159	169	863	100	11,869	2,007	15,167
	ACRES	35,219	30,006	204,077	71,708	782,778	942,030	2,065,818

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						26	26
	ACRES						0	0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				0			0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						38,500	38,500
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		2					2
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				100			100
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	2	0	27	30
	ACRES	0	2	0	100	0	38,500	38,602

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	3	8	181	1,546
Yukon Territory	0	0	11	12
Alberta	8	28	238	312
Northwest Territory	0	0	4	8
Saskatchewan	4	3	116	1,011
Manitoba	6	8	334	22,053
Ontario	2	2	249	1,202
Quebec	6	948	248	7,118
Newfoundland	1	0	27	78
New Brunswick	2	1	91	128
Nova Scotia	12	0	130	1,201
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	6	468
Total	44	824	1,635	35,136

RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska	2	2							14	1
Northwest	2		18	3		1			35	
Northern California									1	
Southern California	1	3	1	5		2			10	350
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin			1							
Southwest	3	1	8	5	5				37	9
Rocky Mountain									1	
Eastern Area						1			1	
Southern Area			2	9						2
Total	8	6	30	22	5	4	0	0	99	362

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